



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE  
***CALICO SOLAR PROJECT***  
***(FORMERLY SES SOLAR 1)***

DOCKET No. 08-AFC-13

**COMMITTEE ORDER DIRECTING FURTHER REVIEW  
OF REDUCED FOOTPRINT ALTERNATIVES  
AND NOTICE OF COMMITTEE CONFERENCE**

The Committee designated to conduct proceedings in this matter, after considering the evidence submitted during the August 4, 5, 6, 18, and 25, 2010 Evidentiary Hearings and the briefs filed by the parties, makes the following determinations and orders and issues notice of a Committee Conference to further discuss these matters.

**I. ORDER DIRECTING FURTHER REVIEW OF REDUCED FOOTPRINT  
ALTERNATIVES**

The Committee can not recommend approval of the Calico Solar Project as proposed by the Applicant due to the scope and scale of high quality habitat affecting desert tortoises and bighorn sheep that would be lost in order to construct and operate the project. That highest quality habitat exists in the portions of the proposed project site north of the Phase 1 boundary including the Phase 1 detention basins. The Committee is willing, if one or more parties are interested in pursuing the matter, to consider further evidence on project proposals with reduced footprints that exclude the highest quality tortoise habitat.

To that end, the Committee has scheduled a Committee Conference, below, for the purpose of receiving the comments and recommendations of the parties regarding future proceedings in this matter. We encourage the Staff and Applicant to hold a workshop, which may be attended by one or more of the members of the Committee, to discuss alternative project designs that may be analyzed for later presentation at Evidentiary Hearings. To facilitate conduct of that workshop before our September 20, Committee Conference, we **Order** that the 10-day notice requirement contained in Title 20, California Code of Regulations Section 1710(b) be modified to allow for notice of the workshop via e-mail no later than four (4) days prior to the workshop date.

Depending on the scale and scope of the alternative(s) proposed, additional time for definition and analysis of reduced footprint alternatives may also assist the parties and

the Committee by allowing further consideration, analysis and development of the record on such points as:

- Project phasing and its interaction with various technical requirements;
- Balancing the removal of vegetation with dust suppression goals;
- Storm water drainage, including any necessary detention basins; and
- The appropriate level of testing of potential cultural resource sites.

## **II. NOTICE OF COMMITTEE CONFERENCE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Committee will hold a Committee Conference to hear comments and recommendations for the further consideration of the Application for Certification, including schedules, as follows:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010**

**Beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

(Following Conclusion of Imperial Valley Solar Project Committee Conference, whichever is later)

**California Energy Commission**

**Hearing Room B**

**1516 Ninth Street**

**Sacramento, CA 95814**

***TELECONFERENCE OPTION: You may participate in the Committee Conference by telephone and/or by computer via our "WebEx" web conferencing system. For details on how to participate, please see the "Participation through WebEx" directions attached to this Notice.***

We invite, but do not require, the parties to circulate written summaries of their positions, illustrative drawings and maps, proposed schedules, and other relevant information to the parties on the proof of service list prior to the Committee Conference.

### **Energy Commission Information**

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's office is available to assist any person or organization in understanding this proceeding and how to participate in it. For assistance, contact the Public Adviser's office at (916) 654-4489 or (800) 822-6228 or e-mail: **[[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us)]**.

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Paul Kramer, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 654-5103 or e-mail: **[[pkramer@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:pkramer@energy.state.ca.us)]**.

Technical questions concerning the Project should be addressed to Christopher Meyer, the Staff Project Manager, at (916) 653-1639 or e-mail: **[[cmeyer@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:cmeyer@energy.state.ca.us)]**.

Technical questions concerning the BLM permitting process should be addressed to Jim Stobaugh, at (775) 861-6478, [[Jim\\_Stobaugh@blm.gov](mailto:Jim_Stobaugh@blm.gov)].

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail: [[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us)].

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: [[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/calicosolar](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/calicosolar)]. You may also subscribe to receive email notification of all notices at [[www.energy.ca.gov/listservers](http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers)].

Dated: September 3, 2010, at Sacramento, California.

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## CALICO SOLAR

SEPTEMBER 20, 2010, 1 PM, COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

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